

H. Res. 952, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by a recorded vote of 224 ayes to 188 noes, Roll No. 413, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 223 yeas to 193 nays, Roll No. 412. **Pages H5972–73**

**Pension Security and Transparency Act of 2005—Motion to Instruct Conferees:** The House agreed to the George Miller of California motion to instruct conferees on H.R. 2830, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, which was debated on Tuesday, July 25th, by a yea-and-nay vote of 285 yeas to 126 nays, Roll No. 417. **Page H6004**

The House agreed by unanimous consent to H. Res. 957, directing the Sergeant at Arms of the House of Representatives to deliver the mace of the House of Representatives to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution for necessary repairs.

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**Meeting Hour:** Agreed that when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet at 10 a.m. on tomorrow, Friday, July 28th. **Page H6005**

**Discharge Petition:** Representative Filner moved to discharge the Committee on Rules from the consideration of H. Res. 917, providing for the consideration of H.R. 23, to amend title 46, United States Code, and title II of the Social Security Act to provide benefits to certain individuals who served in the United States merchant marine (including the Army Transport Service and the Naval Transport Service) during World War II (Discharge Petition No. 14).

**Senate Message:** Message received from the Senate today appear on page H5957.

**Senate Referral:** S. 3741 was held at the desk.

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**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Two yea-and-nay votes and four recorded votes developed during the proceedings today and appear on pages H5972–73, H5973, H6000–01, H6003, H6003–04, H6004. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:12 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Ordered unfavorably reported H.R. 503, amended, the Horse Protection Act to prohibit the shipping, transporting, moving, delivering, receiving, possessing, purchasing, selling, or donation of horses and other equines to be slaughtered for human consumption; and H.R. 3849, PIC

and POPs Conventions and the LRTAP POPs Protocol Implementation Act.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on these measures. Testimony was heard from the following members of Congress: John E. Sweeney; and Don Sherwood; former Congressman Charles W. Stenholm; and public witnesses.

### REVIEW CONSERVATION ISSUES

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development, and Research held a hearing to review Conservation Issues. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the USDA: Mark E. Rey, Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment; and Teresa C. Lasseter, Administrator, Farm Service Agency; and public witnesses.

### BORDER SECURITY AND IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Homeland Security held a hearing on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement. Testimony was heard from Secretary Michael Chertoff, Homeland Security.

### CENSUS

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Science, the Departments of State, Justice, and Commerce, and Related Agencies held a hearing on the Census. Testimony was heard from Charles L. Kincannon, Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce; and Brenda Farrell, Acting Director, Strategic Issues, GAO.

### NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND

*Committee on Education and the Workforce:* Held a hearing on No Child Left Behind: Can Growth Models Ensure Improved Education for All Students. Testimony was heard from Marlene S. Shaul, Director, Workforce and Income Security Issues, GAO; Joel I. Klein, Chancellor, New York City Department of Education; and public witnesses.

### EFFICIENT CARE FOR MEDICARE BENEFICIARIES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Health continued hearings on How to Build a Payment System that Provides Quality, Efficient Care for Medicare Beneficiaries. Testimony was heard from Mark B. McClellan, MD, Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; and public witnesses.

### PIPELINE SAFETY MEASURES

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Energy and Air Quality held a hearing on the following: Pipeline Safety Improvement Act Reauthorization; and H.R. 5872, Pipeline Safety Improvement Act of 2006. Testimony was heard from

Thomas J. Barrett, Administrator, Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Administration, Department of Transportation; and Donald L. Mason, Commissioner, Public Utilities Commission, State of Ohio.

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE ASSESSMENTS IMPLICATIONS**

*Committee on Energy and Commerce:* Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations continued hearings entitled "Questions Surrounding the 'Hockey Stick' Temperature Studies: Implications for Climate Change Assessments." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **HOLOCAUST ART ASSETS**

*Committee on Financial Services:* Subcommittee on Domestic and International Monetary Policy, Trade, and Technology held a hearing entitled "Review of the Repatriation of Holocaust Art Assets in the United States." Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Presidential Advisory, Commission on Holocaust Assets in the U.S.; Catherine A. Lillie, Director, Holocaust Claims Processing Office, New York State Banking Department; and public witnesses.

#### **HOMELAND SECURITY ACQUISITION BUREAUCRACY**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Held a hearing entitled "Code Yellow: Is The DHS Acquisition Bureaucracy a Formula for Disaster?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Homeland Security: David M. Zavada, CPA, Assistant Inspector General, Office of Audits; Elaine Duke, Chief Procurement Officer, Customs and Border Protection; and Richard Gunderson, Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Acquisition, Transportation Security Administration; Michael J. Sullivan, Director, Acquisition Sourcing and Management, GAO; and a public witness.

#### **ROYALTY RELIEF AND PRICE THRESHOLDS**

*Committee on Government Reform:* Subcommittee on Energy and Resources held a hearing entitled "Royalty Relief and Price Thresholds III." Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

#### **CHEMICAL FACILITY ANTI-TERRORISM ACT**

*Committee on Homeland Security:* Ordered reported H.R. 5695, Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Act of 2006.

#### **NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN LATINO COMMUNITY ACT OF 2005; OVERSIGHT—LIBRARY OF CONGRESS**

*Committee on House Administration:* Ordered reported H.R. 2134, amended, Commission to Study the Po-

tential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Community Act of 2005.

The Committee also held an oversight hearing on the Library of Congress. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Library of Congress: James H. Billington, Librarian of Congress; Deanna Marcum, Associate Librarian, Library Sciences; Laura Campbell, Associate Librarian, Strategic Initiatives; and JoAnn Jenkins, Chief of State; and a public witness.

#### **MICROENTERPRISE PROGRAM**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Africa, Human Rights and International Operations held a hearing to Review the Progress and Charting the Path Ahead: the Microenterprise Results and Accountability Act of 2004. Testimony was heard from Jacqueline E. Schafer, Assistant Administrator, Bureau of Economic Growth, Agriculture and Trade, U.S. Agency for International Development, and public witnesses.

#### **REPORT OF THE COMMISSION FOR ASSISTANCE TO A FREE CUBA**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere held a hearing on the Report of the Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba. Testimony was heard from Caleb C. McCarry, Cuba Transition Coordinator, Commission for Assistance to a Free Cuba, Department of State.

#### **PROTECTION FOR FASHION DESIGN; ESTABLISH PILOT PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE ENHANCEMENT OF EXPERTISE IN PATENT CASES**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property ordered reported H.R. 5418, To establish a pilot program in certain United States district courts to encourage enhancement of expertise in patent cases among district judges.

The Subcommittee also held a hearing on H.R. 5055, To amend title 17, United States Code, to provide protection for fashion design. Testimony is heard from public witnesses.

#### **OVERSIGHT—WHETHER ATTEMPTED IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE IMMIGRATION BILL WILL RESULT IN A NATIONAL SECURITY NIGHTMARE**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims held an oversight hearing on Whether Attempted Implementation of the Senate Immigration Bill Will Result in an Administrative and National Security Nightmare. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**PRIVATE CLAIMS**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security and Claims ordered reported the following bills: H. Res. 201, Referring the bill (H.R. 1329) entitled "A bill for the relief of Adela and Darryl Bailor" to the chief judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a report thereon; H.R. 1211, For the relief of Ana Maria Moncayo-Gigax; and H.R. 1180, amended, For the relief of certain aliens who were aboard the Golden Venture.

**OVERSIGHT—ATLANTIC STRIPED BASS CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Fisheries and Oceans held an oversight hearing to Examine Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation and Management. Testimony was heard from William T. Hogarth, Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 5760, Giant Sequoia National Monument Transition Act of 2006; H.R. 5149, Eastern Sierra Rural Heritage and Economic Enhancement Act; H.R. 4784, Eugene Land Conveyance Act; H.R. 4235, Browns Canyon Wilderness Act; H.R. 2718, Idaho Land Enhancement Act; H.R. 2039, and S. 225, Federal Land Recreational Visitor Protection Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from the following Members of Congress Butch Otter; Joel Hefley; and Buck McKeon; David Tenny, Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment, USDA; and public witnesses.

**MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Water and Power held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 630, To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey certain Federal lands to the City of Yuma, Arizona, in exchange for certain lands owned by the City of Yuma, Arizona; H.R. 5666, Southern Idaho Bureau of Reclamation Act of 2006; H.R. 5796, To direct the Secretary of the Interior to exclude and defer from the pooled reimbursable costs of the Central Valley Project the reimbursable capital costs of the unused capacity of the Folsom South Canal, Auburn-Folsom South Unit, Central Valley Project, and S. 895, Rural Water Supply Act of 2005. Testimony was heard from William E. Rinne, Acting Commissioner, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Curtis M. Anderson, Deputy Administrator, rural Development Utilities Programs, USDA; and public witnesses.

**SAME DAY CONSIDERATION OF CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS REPORTED BY THE RULES COMMITTEE**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving clause 6(a) of rule XIII (requiring a two-thirds vote to consider a rule on the same day it is reported from the Rules Committee) against certain resolutions reported for the Rules Committee. The rule applies the waiver to any special rule reported on the legislative day of July 28, 2006, providing for consideration or disposition of any of the following measures: (1) a conference report to accompany the bill (H.R. 2830) to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to reform the pension funding rules, and for other purposes; (2) a bill to amend the Internal Revenue code of 1986 to increase the unified credit against the estate tax to an exclusion equivalent of \$5,000,000, to repeal the sunset provision for the estate and generation-skipping taxes, and to extend expiring provisions, and for other purposes; and (3) a bill to provide economic security for all Americans, and for other purposes.

**UNDERSEA RESEARCH/OCEAN EXPLORATION**

*Committee on Science:* Subcommittee on Environment, Technology and Standards held a hearing on Undersea Research and Ocean Exploration: H.R. 3835, National Ocean Exploration Program Act. Testimony was heard from the following officials of NOAA: Rich Spinrad, Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research; and Andrew Shepard, Director, Undersea Research Center; and a public witness.

**EMERGENCY CARE**

*Committee on Ways and Means:* Subcommittee on Health, held a hearing on Emergency Care. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

**BRIEFING—GLOBAL UPDATES/HOTSPOTS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Global Updates/Hotspots. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

**FISA LEGISLATION**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on FISA legislation. Testimony was heard from the following Members of Congress: Joe Wilson; John Conyers, Jr.; Jeff Flake; and Adam B. Schiff.

**U.S.-RUSSIAN STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy met in executive

session to hold a hearing on U.S.-Russian Strategic Considerations. Testimony was heard from departmental witnesses.

## *Joint Meetings*

### ENERGY AND THE IRANIAN ECONOMY

*Joint Economic Committee:* On Tuesday, July 25, 2006, committee concluded a hearing to examine energy and the Iranian economy, after receiving testimony from Paul E. Simons, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Energy, Sanctions, and Commodities, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs; Kenneth Katzman, Specialist in Middle Eastern Affairs, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; and Ilan Berman, American Foreign Policy Council, Andrew Davenport, Conflict Securities Advisory Group, and Jeffrey J. Schott, Institute for International Economics, all of Washington, D.C.

### HUMAN RIGHTS IN RUSSIA

*Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (Helsinki Commission):* Commission concluded a hearing to examine ways the United States Government can fulfill its commitment to promote human rights and

democratic governance in Russia while preserving a relationship with Moscow, after receiving testimony from Felice D. Gaer, U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom; Carl Gershman, National Endowment for Democracy; Tom Melia, Freedom House; and Fritz W. Ermarth, all of Washington, D.C.; and Nikolas K. Gvosdev, National Interest, Shrub Oak, New York.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2006

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

#### Senate

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Federal Financial Management, Government Information, and International Security, to hold hearings to examine recovery and reconstitution of critical networks relating to cyber security, focusing on immediate steps that Department of Homeland Security and the private sector can take to formalize a partnership and to ensure effective response and recovery to major cyber network disruption, 9:30 a.m., SD-342.

#### House

No meetings are scheduled.